

During her tenure with the Bay Model, Chris was an integral member of the management team, leading critical improvement projects, including a \$16.5 million renovation that featured the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's largest solar installation. Hosting 150,000 visitors a year, the Bay Model has long been a pinnacle of community education, and with Chris's exemplary ambassador skills, its significance grew. She fostered and developed partnerships across the local community, government entities, and educational groups. When COVID-19 presented an unprecedented challenge for education centers like the Bay Model, Chris sprang into action, converting the facility into a space for manufacturing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Between April and May of 2020, 10,000 face shields were shipped from the Bay Model, directly supporting the pandemic response during a pivotal time for the Nation.

In addition to her exemplary service to the Bay Model, Chris is a dedicated volunteer, sharing her skills and energy as a valued member of the Sausalito Rotary Club, Sausalito Chamber of Commerce, the Sausalito-Sakaide Sister City program, and several other city boards and committees. This service has been recognized with numerous accolades throughout her tenure, including the Commander's Award for Civilian Service and Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

The breadth and depth of Chris's professional and volunteer career are inspiring, and her many positive contributions will continue to impact the community for years to come. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to Chris for her enduring service and extending heartfelt congratulations on her retirement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bay Model Visitor Center and best wishes on her next endeavors.

HOMETOWN HERO—MIKE E.  
SIMONDS

**HON. BETH VAN DUYNÉ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mike E. Simonds, Senior Chief at Tarrant County Sheriffs Office. We congratulate Senior Chief Simonds on his retirement after dedicating 42 years of service to the citizens of Tarrant County, including 21 years with the Arlington Police Department.

Senior Chief Simonds has served an instrumental role in our community and state through years patrolling our streets, keeping drugs out of our cities and ensuring murderers were put behind bars. His unwavering commitment is unmatched, from assisting in the implementation of the nationwide Amber Alert Program, to helping develop the number one Human Trafficking Unit in North Texas, to building a robust Narcotics Unit, to growing the largest Auto Theft Task Force in the state.

Senior Chief Simonds served the last 5 years as the first Senior Chief for the Tarrant County Sheriffs Office with honor and integrity, bringing exceptional leadership to the agency.

I thank Senior Chief Simonds for his leadership and the lasting impact he has made with our law enforcement partners. He serves as a

role model and mentor to future leaders maintaining the highest of standards. I congratulate him on his retirement and lasting memory of a career of service.

RECOGNIZING INSPECTOR CHRISTOPHER WELSH OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 28 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

**HON. BILL POSEY**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on April 21, 2022, Inspector Christopher Welsh retired after 28 years of distinguished service from the Florida Department of Corrections Office of the Inspector General. Christopher has distinguished himself as leader in his selfless dedication to the law enforcement profession, leaving each post and every person who has worked with him or under his leadership better off. He will be missed by all those who have had the privilege to serve with him.

Christopher began his career with the Florida Department of Correction as a Correctional Officer at Broward Correctional Institution in 1994. He quickly moved up the ranks and by 2007 he was promoted to Inspector at the Martin Correctional Institution handling cases involving employee misconduct and malfeasance within the Florida Department of Corrections. In 2015 he was promoted to Lead Inspector in the Region 5 area where he trained and mentored new inspectors. In 2021 he was again promoted to Inspector Supervisor in Region 5 area and retired in 2022.

Mr. Welsh's noteworthy career extends beyond his time at the Florida Department of Corrections. Before serving in the FDC, Mr. Welsh served as a police officer in the United States Air Force and is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm. We are grateful for his military service. He is also a graduate of the Law Enforcement Academy and a Criminal Justice and Standards training Commission Certified Instructor. Mr. Welsh is a man of faith having served as the Youth and Family Minister at our Savior Lutheran Church in Plantation, FL, and is also an avid volunteer with a decades long commitment to giving back to his community. He coached the wrestling team at Sebastian High School and has coached baseball and football in local recreational leagues.

Mr. Welsh, a hardworking father dedicated to his faith, his family, and his community, embodies the American Dream and all that makes this nation so great. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Christopher Welsh and his exceptional career on the occasion of his retirement.

RECOGNIZING THE KIWANIS CLUB OF THE STROUDSBURGS' 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor the Kiwanis Club of the Stroudsburgs

as its members celebrate its 100th anniversary. The occasion will be celebrated with a dinner on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort.

On June 9, 1922, prominent businessmen and professionals gathered at the Penn Stroud Hotel to meet with the state Kiwanis Club organizer to discuss chartering a Kiwanis Club in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. On June 19, 1922, the Club was officially chartered with A.R.J. Wallace elected president and the Penn Stroud Hotel chosen as the headquarters for meetings. Charter Night was celebrated on July 20, 1922 by Club members and delegates from Kiwanis Clubs in Scranton, Easton, and other cities. That first year featured a Ladies' Night, five social events, a joint meeting with Rotary and a Rotary-Kiwanis golf match, youth and adult service activities, and projects to support the community.

Committed to the Kiwanis mission of improving the lives of children, the biggest project done by the Club during its first two decades was the Stroudsburg playground. The Club also financially supported a swimming pool and the East Stroudsburg playground, establishing recreational facilities used by hundreds of children in the region. To encourage literacy, the Club purchased the first bookmobile. The Club also supported several adult activities and actively engaged with the community.

Today, the Kiwanis Club of the Stroudsburg continues to uphold the original mission of its founders to serve children of the world and their own community. A highlight of the year is the annual Pancake Day event to raise money to support their scholarship program. This year, due to the event's great success, the Club awarded 12 scholarships to high school students in Monroe County totaling more than \$12,000.

As they look toward their next 100 years, the Club is planning to honor the first projects completed by the Club by enhancing six local parks with accessible playground equipment so children of all needs and abilities can enjoy the outdoors at the community's parks and playgrounds.

I am honored to congratulate the Kiwanis Club of the Stroudsburgs for 100 years of giving back to the Monroe County community and supporting our region's youngest citizens. I wish them great success and many fulfilling years to come.

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF PLANTERS DAYS

**HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor a community I serve, Woodland, Washington, and the greater Clark and Cowlitz Counties, as we celebrate the centennial of Planters Days.

This festival, which began 100 years ago, has withstood the test of time and has been a bedrock event in this community. Originally, the festival was created to celebrate the construction of dikes along the Columbia and Lewis rivers to prevent flooding and allow farmers to safely plant crops. The first Planters Day was a single-day event, which included tours of the recently completed dikes,

a barbecue lunch, a viewing of a silent movie, and a community dance. Since that time, Planters Days has expanded and has become the longest-running celebration within my great state of Washington, attracting thousands of people to Woodland to join the festivities.

Once again, I'd like to honor my community of Woodland and the greater Clark and Cowlitz Counties as we mark the centennial of Planters Days.

#### RECOGNIZING ROSA MALONE

### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor Rosa Malone, long-time Detroit resident and community Mother. Rosa passed away in 2019, but the new Rosa cafe named in her honor will carry her legacy.

When Rosa and her husband Elijah moved to Detroit's Rosedale Park neighborhood in 1973, it was segregated and predominately white. Initially prohibited from purchasing the home, the Malones fought systemic racism to become one of the first African-American families to become homeowners in the neighborhood. The Malones' home was at the center of countless family gatherings, and beyond that a symbol of justice and change. Rosa believed in honoring the past while being in the present to build a community.

The 13th District and Grandmont Rosedale Communities are honored to celebrate and commemorate the memory of Rosa and the opening of this local neighborhood business. Spaces such as this are essential to our community's fabric and we look forward to seeing the success of Rosa.

Please join me in celebrating Rosa Malone's legacy and memory on this special day, on the opening of the Rosa coffee shop.

#### HOMETOWN HERO—CHRISTINA O'REAR

### HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Grapevine Police Detective Christina O'Rear, who was recently named Mental Health Peace Officer of the Year by the Texas Crisis Intervention Team Association.

As May is Mental Health Awareness Month, this recognition is a timely reminder of the incredible work Detective O'Rear is doing to better our community.

Detective O'Rear not only serves as the primary liaison between Grapevine PD and North Texas mental health resources and hospitals, but she has gone above and beyond by following up with individuals dealing with mental health crises even after their police cases are terminated.

This extra and oftentimes life changing step is an excellent display of the kind of person Detective O'Rear is. By putting others ahead of herself and ensuring these individuals receive the proper care they need, I can think of

no one more deserving of the Mental Health Peace Officer award.

I have gotten to see what a remarkable and dedicated public servant Detective O'Rear is after I selected her to serve on my Texas-24 Law Enforcement Advisory Board. It is rare to find someone who is as passionate and skilled at their job as she is. It is an honor to recognize her today.

I thank Detective O'Rear for her constant service to Texas-24.

#### HONORING VICE PRESIDENT MATT MCLOGAN ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

### HON. FRED UPTON

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Matt McLogan for his 35 years of distinguished service as Vice President of University of Relations of Grand Valley State University.

After obtaining his bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan University (Go Broncos), Mr. McLogan worked at WOOD TV as a journalist and news manager, making sure folks across west Michigan were kept informed. Later, he served as the Public Service Commissioner for the state of Michigan, overseeing the state's investor-owned utilities.

Matt's dedication and passion for higher education has allowed him to serve students at several Michigan institutions. Matt served as an adjunct faculty member at Grand Rapids Community College where he taught political science. He also served at Michigan State University as a faculty member of the annual Regulatory Studies Program.

Over the course of his distinguished tenure at Grand Valley State University, he has ensured the university not only has met but exceeded its goals. He has led government relations, University Development, and the communications team, which included the university's public radio and TV stations. He has worked with many leaders at the local, state and national levels to obtain essential funding and support for GVSU, including for the Medical Mile in downtown Grand Rapids. During his tenure, the university's enrollment nearly tripled, expanding from one campus to five.

Aside from his work at Grand Valley State University, he also has served on numerous boards, including the Grand Rapids Art Museum, the Public Education Fund, Frederik Meijer Gardens, and Opera Grand Rapids, ensuring all in West Michigan have access to a strong and vibrant cultural life.

Madam Speaker, as the Grand Valley State University community gathers this month to celebrate a truly remarkable leader, I want to congratulate Mr. McLogan on 35 years of extraordinary service to GVSU and West Michigan. I thank Mr. McLogan for his decades of service and extend congratulations on a well-deserved retirement.

#### RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 283 ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. MIKE GALLAGHER

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the American Legion Post 283 Harold C. Anderson on its 100th Anniversary.

Post 283 was founded on January 24, 1922, when 15 founding members came together to sign the Legion constitution forming the Suring American Legion Post. For 100 years, the Suring American Legion Post 283 has upheld the vision of legions across the country to the highest degree. Post 283 proudly carries the name of Maple Valley native and World War One veteran, Private Harold Christian Anderson, Private Anderson enlisted in the armed forces in 1917, joining the 32nd Infantry Division in Waco, Texas before quickly being shipped to France. Private Anderson was wounded in action in France on October 7, 1917, and succumbed to his wounds 6 days later just weeks before his 22nd birthday. He was buried in France until he was exhumed and returned home to Oconto County.

The legion carries on the memory, service, and sacrifice of Private Anderson through their vision of strengthening America by improving the lives of veterans, the military, and their families.

Post 283 has continued to grow from their beginnings of 15 founding members 100 years ago. Post 283 now has over 80 members located across the United States, who work together to teach future generations about the importance of service. The members of Post 283 are a true inspiration and example for all Americans. The continued service and dedication that the members of Post 283 have shown to not only the Suring community, but to the United States of America is deserving of the highest degree of recognition. As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Post 283, we must recognize the outstanding services that they have and continue to provide to Suring and surrounding communities. Post 283 enjoys supporting the local Suring High School and other organizations in countless ways.

Post 283 has been a voice for the men and women who have served our country. At Post 283 every day they put country before self, just as they did the day they joined the service. American Legion Post 283 Harold C. Anderson is a true credit to Northeast Wisconsin.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the Suring American Legion Post 283 Harold C. Anderson as they come together to celebrate their 100th Anniversary.

#### RECOGNIZING CHIEF GEORGE TUREGANO

### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief George Turegano for his service to the Central Valley and over 40 years of law enforcement experience.